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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN UNGA GENERAL DEBATE -
PORTION ON KOREA

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT CALLED ON ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK
AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 24 TO DISCUSS DRAFT OF SECTION ON KOREA
IN SECRETARY'S GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH.

2. PARK HOPED THAT KOREA SECTION COULD BE CONSIDERABLY
ABBREVIATED, SINCE HE FEARED THAT SO MUCH EMPHASIS AFTER
WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESOLUTIONS MIGHT IN EFFECT PROMOTE
A KOREAN DEBATE DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE. PARK SAID THE NORTH
KOREANS MIGHT FEEL "CHALLENGED." CHANGES SUGGESTED BY PARK
FOLLOW:

(A) IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF DRAFT, REMOVE THE WORD "FOUR"
IN SECOND SENTENCE. PARK CONSIDERED THAT INCLUSION OF
THE WORD "FOUR" WOULD BE "TOO SPECIFIC" AND COULD BE
INTERPRETED TO ACCORD THE USSR AND JAPAN ROLES IN THE
INITIAL CONFERENCE WHICH SO FAR HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO INCLUDE
THE US, CHINA, AND THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA.

(B) SECOND PARAGRAPH - CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ:
"WE WELCOME THE DEVELOPMENT THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A
CONTENTIOUS AND STERILE DEBATE ON KOREA THIS FALL."
IN THIS CONNECTION, PARK POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER KOREA IS A
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY. ADDITIONALLY, THE SECOND SENTENCE
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IN SECOND PARAGRAPH COULD THEN BE DROPPED.

(C) IN ORDER STRESS NEED AND DESIRE FOR KOREAN REUNIFICATION
PARK ASKED THAT THIRD PARAGRAPH READ AS FOLLOWS:
"THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS: HOW CAN THE KOREAN PEOPLE PROMOTE
THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND
DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE WITHOUT RENEWAL OR ARMED CONFLICT?"

(D) PARK RECOMMENDED DELETION OF ENTIRE
FOURTH PARAGRAPH. HE SAID THIS WOULD SHORTEN THE SECTION,
BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR SIDE'S DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTA-
TION, AND REMOVE REFERENCE TO THE NORTH'S PROPOSALS.

(E) PARK PROPOSED THAT FIRST SENTENCE
IN FIFTH PARAGRAPH BE AMENDED TO READ ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES: "VIEWS SHARED BY THE ROK AND THE
UNITED STATES AND MANY OTHERS ON THE KOREA PROBLEM
ARE WELL KNOWN." (WITH THIS CHANGE, "WE ARE" IN FINAL
SENTENCE COULD CHANGE TO "THE UNITED STATES IS.")

(F) IN FIRST SENTENCE OF SIXTH PARA-
GRAPH REMOVE WORD "MOST." PARK CONSIDERED THAT
INCLUSION OF WORD "MOST" MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS
INTRODUCING A NEW ELEMENT INTO THE SECRETARY'S
PROPOSAL. PARK, WITH EVIDENT REFERENCE TO OUR 1975 RESOLUTION,
NOTED THAT, HITHERTO, LANGUAGE HAD BEEN "ALL THE
PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED."

(G) IN THE SIXTH PARAGRAPH, PARK APPROVED
CONCEPT OF INTRODUCING IDEA OF FLEXIBILITY OF
APPROACH. HOWEVER, HE REQUESTED THAT THIS FLEXI-
BILITY NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE FORM OF A PROPOSAL. WHICH
MIGHT PROVOKE COMMENTS OR COUNTER-PROPOSALS FROM OTHER SIDE.
ACCORDINGLY, PARK ASKED THAT THE WORDS "HEREBY
PROPOSES" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE BE REPLACED BY
"IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER."

3. PARK SAID HE DID NOT PLAN TO SEND DRAFT TO
SEOUL FOR COMMENT. HE HOPED THAT HE MIGHT GET EARLIEST A
SHORTENED TEXT INCORPORATING THE AMENDMENTS HE
PROPOSED WHICH HE COULD THEN TRANSMIT WITH HIS
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